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NEW BOOKS.

Who's Who in America. Vol. VIII. 1914-1915. Edited by ALBERT NELSON MARQUIS. Chicago: A. N. Marquis & Co. Pp. 2920. \$5.00.

This new volume contains 21,459 sketches, of which 4,426 have appeared in no previous edition. Of the sketches in Vol. VII. 933 are not found in Vol. VIII. on account of death and 826 for various other reasons. To collect suitable and accurate data for such a large number of people is a heavy task and the editor deserves credit for the manner in which he has carried this into effect. The importance of the work from an educational standpoint is being more and more recognized and it is finding its way in an ever-increasing number of schools as a reliable source of information concerning our most conspicuous living Americans.

Eighteen Thousand Words Often Mispronounced. By WILLIAM HENRY P. PHYFE. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Pp. 780. \$1.50.

This compact little volume is a complete handbook of difficulties in English pronunciation, including a large number of proper names and words and phrases from foreign languages. When there are two accepted pronunciations the authority is given for each. Most persons will find it a very valuable book to have handy on their desk and it should be in every school.

Plane Trigonometry and Tables. By GEORGE WENTWORTH and DAVID EUGENE SMITH. Boston: Ginn & Company. Pp. 292. \$1.10.

In preparing this work the authors have carefully considered the demand for thoroughly teachable textbooks in trigonometry. The uses of the subject are clearly set forth in the opening pages, and a large number of practical problems are given as soon as the functions are defined.

The theoretical part of the subject is postponed, whenever possible, until the practical uses are shown and the need for it appears. For example, the graphs of functions, radian measure, and trigonometric equations are treated late in the course where their significance is evident. Among the lines of application that are emphasized are simple surveying and plane sailing, no attempt being made to enter into the technicalities of these subjects.

The topic of logarithms is treated in a special chapter. The tables have been prepared both to four and five decimal places and are arranged on the common system, but conversion tables are introduced allowing for the decimal divisions of the degree.

The greatest care has been taken in the illustrations, the arrangement of topics, the grading of the problems, and the make-up of the book.